

International Joint Conference



THE ROLE OF PHILOSOPHY IN AFRICA

***The Role of Philosophy in the African
Context: Traditions, Challenges, and
Perspectives***

Regional Conference of COMIUCAP-AFRICA
(Conférence Mondiale des Institutions Universitaires Catholiques de Philosophie)

The Catholic University of Eastern Africa
April 20-22, 2017

Nairobi, Kenya

Thursday 20th April 2017

8:00-9:00 am Registration in LRC Auditorium

9:00-9:05 am Opening Prayer

Rev. Dr. Charles KYALLO, University Chaplain, CUEA

9:05-9:15 am Welcoming Remarks

Rev. Dr. Stephen OKELLO, Chair, Conference Organizing Committee, CUEA

Prof. Alloys AYAKO, Director of Research, Innovation & Graduate Training, CUEA

9:15-9:50 am Opening Remarks

Prof. Sagary Nokoe KAKU, DVC Academic, CUEA

Prof. Justus MBAE, Vice Chancellor, CUEA

Rev. Prof. João J. VILA-CHÃ, President, COMIUCAP

9:50-10:20 am Health Break

10:20-11:45 pm Keynote Address (Moderator: George NDEMO)

Justus MBAE (The Catholic University of Eastern Africa) – *African Philosophy: Relevance, Utility and Impact.*

11:45-11:50 pm Administrative Announcement

12:00-1:00 pm Eucharist Celebration

Main Celebrant: Rev. Prof. João J. VILA-CHÃ, SJ.

1.00-2.00 pm Lunch

2:30-:4:00 pm KEYNOTE ADDRESS (Moderator: Oriare NYARWATH).

Dismas A. MASOLO (University of Louisville) – *Naturalizing Culture and the Pitfalls of Domination: An Overview of Our Philosophical Engagement with the Twentieth Century.*

4:00-4:25 pm Health Break

4:30-6:00 pm Parallel Sessions

Panel 1 – Moderator: Michael KARIUKI

- Dr. NYABUL (Consolata Institute of Philosophy) – *The Value of Philosophy for Intellectual Formation in Contemporary Africa.*
- Stephen Omondi OWINO (Pwani University) – *Integrating Philosophy in Education.*
- SUNGU Maurice OMOLO (University of Kibungo) – *Need for Reconceptualising the Philosophy of Education in Kenya.*

Panel 2 – Moderator: Antony OPIYO

- Yoseph Mulugeta **BABA** (Capuchin Franciscan Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Addis Ababa) – *The Role of African Philosophers in Promoting Indigenous African Culture.*
- Abel **KUBAI** – *The Integration of Faith and Reason in Bringing Cohesion in Multi-Cultural Address Kenyan Society: A Reflection from the Philosophy of Religion.*
- George **NDEMO** (The Catholic University of Eastern Africa) – *Thematizing Inter-subjectivity from the African Point of View.*

Panel 3 – Moderator: Innocent SANGA

- Joseph **ODHIAMBO** – *The Place of Philosophy in Management of Organizations: A Reflection on the Role of Human Capital towards Developing Africa.*
- J. Otto **KROESEN** & David J. **NDEGWA** – *The End of Neo-liberalism and the Beginning of Talking Business: A Value Oriented Approach to Entrepreneurship in Kenya.*

Friday 21st April 2017

7:00-8:00 am Mass at the University Chapel (Optional)

8:00-9:00 am Registration: Jubilee Hall – Auditorium

9:00-10:30am KEYNOTE ADDRESS (Moderator: João J. VILA-CHÃ)

Joseph C. A. **AGBAKOB**A (Madonna University) – *Cultural Hybridity, Philosophy and Development in Africa.*

10:30-11:00 am Health Break

11:00-12:30 pm Parallel Sessions

Panel 1 – Moderator: Stephen OWINO

- Oriare **NYARWATH** (University of Nairobi) – *Knowledge Production in Africa.*
- G. Ojwang’ **OCHIENG**, Nzioka John **MOSU**, Njenga **FRANCIS**, & Massawa **CHARLES** – *Challenges of Teaching Philosophy in Africa.*
- Carolyne S. Mudeje **BUYA** (Pwani University) – *The Relevance of African Philosophy of Education to Integral Development in Contemporary Africa.*

Panel 2 – Moderator: Abel KUBAI

- Francis **OWAKAH** (University of Nairobi) – *Terrorism, Anti-terror War and Minority Rights: The Case of the Boni of Coastal Kenya.*
- Archangel **RUKOOKO** (Makerere University) – *Sexual Minorities Rights in Uganda: Arguments For and Against.*
- Masoud **NASSOR** (University of Namibia) – *The Minority Rights Agenda in the Islamic Discourse in Zanzibar.*

Panel 3 – Moderator: Nyambedha Josephine APIYO

- Nafula Fredrick **WANJALA** (The Catholic University of Eastern Africa) – *The Role of Philosophy in Addressing Peace Building Challenges.*

- Theresa Aoko OTIENO – *The Role of Philosophy in Empowering African Youths to Be Agents of Nonviolent Social Change.*
- Peter SULE (Federal University Lafia) – *Plea Bargaining, Cost-Benefit Analysis and the Redefinition of Justice: A Philosophical Appraisal of the Nigerian Experience.*

12:30-2:00 pm Lunch

2:00-3:30pm Parallel Sessions

Panel 1 – Moderator: Carolyne BUYA

- Jerald J. Wanjohi IRUGA – *A Translation of Plato’s Symposium.*
- Innocent Simon SANGA – *Education as a Tool for Liberation in Africa: A Comparative Study between Plato’s Allegory of the Cave and Julius Nyerere’s Allegory of The Mountain.*

Panel 2 – Moderator: Teresa Aoko OTIENO

- Opiyo A. OGUTU – *The Role of Philosophy in the Fight Against Corruption in Contemporary Society.*
- J. Otto KROESEN & David J. NDEGWA – *Culture and Value Trade-Offs in Doing Business Efficiently.*
- Nyambedha Josephine APIYO (The Catholic University of Eastern Africa) – *The Role of Philosophy in Addressing Gender Gap.*

Panel 3 – Moderator: Theophilus CHANDO

- Michael Ntabo MABURURU & Constance AYABEI (Rongo University) – *The Relevance of Philosophy as a Key to Development in Africa: A Case of Kenya.*
- Michael KARIUKI (Moi University) – *Pragmatic Epistemology for Science Pedagogy in Kenya’s Vision 2030.*

3:15-3:45 pm Health Break

3:45-5:00 pm Plenary Open Session

Moderators: Joseph ABAKOBA, Francis OWAKA & Antony OPIYO.

Saturday 22nd April 2017

8:00-9:00 am: Registration

9:00-10:30 am: Parallel Sessions

Panel 1 – Moderator: David NDEGWA

- Samuel ÉBALÉ – *Thinking Africa from African Standpoint: The “Ntu” System of Thought.*
- George NDEMO (The Catholic University of Eastern Africa) – *Philosophy, Language, Proverbs and the African Mind.*
- Mary Christine UGOBI-ONYEMERE – *The Primitive Principles of Aquinas and the African Mind.*

Panel 2 – Moderator: Michael NTABO

- Fredrick Onyango **ODHIAMBO** – *Reconstructing an Indigenous Epistemology as an Alternative Claim to Knowledge.*
- G. Ojwang’ **OCHIENG**, Nzioka John **MOSU**, Njenga **FRANCIS**, Massawa **CHARLES** – *The Role of Philosophy in Addressing Government and Integrity in Africa.*
- Francis E. **OWAKAH** & Oriare **NYARWATH** – *The Future of Sage Philosophy in Africa.*

Panel 3 – Moderator: Constance AIYABEI

- Theophilus **CHANDO** (The Technical University of Kenya) – *The Epistemic Character of Politics and the Search for a Paradigm in African Politics.*
- Patrick M. **DIKIRR** – *Environmental Pan-Africanism: The Ecology of Unification.*
- Peter Ezekiel **LENGURNET** – *Prospects of Deliberative Politics in Africa: The Case Study of Kenya.*

10:30-11:00 am **Health Break**

11:00-12:30 pm Conversation & Debate on

The Role & Mission of COMIUCAP in Africa

Moderator(s) – João J. VILA-CHÃ & Joseph C. A. AGBAKOBA

12:30-1:00 pm **Closing Ceremony**

1:00-2:00 pm **Lunch**

2:00-5:00 pm **Conference Excursion**

7:00-9:00 pm **Conference Dinner**